

VOTE PROTECTION FOR STATE'S DEAD

BILL GIVING TOMBSTONE MEN RIGHT TO DESECRATE GRAVES IS NOT PASSED.

MEMORIALS NOT PAID

In Many Cases, Declares Dealer Who Champions Proposed Act in House—Young Lawyer Camps on His Trail.

Springfield, Ill., March 29.—With infinite patience Representative Louis Zinger, who deals in tombstones in Pekin, has been edging along towards the passage of a bill giving sellers of tombstones a lien on the stones and right to remove them from graveyards. At every step he has been followed persistently by Representative Morton D. Hall, who deals in law in Chicago and who does not believe in liens, whether on tombstones or other things.

Mr. Zinger is a pertinacious middle-aged man and Mr. Hall is a scholarly young man, and they have been running circles around each other for other for a month on the subject of this measure, with the fortunes of war on the side of Mr. Zinger until today when, having edged his bill up to third reading, he made a bold dash with it towards passage.

Mr. Hall was at his best in a moment, and as yet the house has not passed an act which with the acquiescence of the senate and governor would permit the removal of tombstones from graves.

Memorials Often Not Paid For.

Mr. Zinger in stating his dash with the bill, read a place which he had prepared descriptive of the work of monument makers in creating beautiful memorials in bronze and marble which, he frequently said, were not paid for.

Mr. Hall took up the subject with willing enthusiasm. He spoke his piece without reference to manuscript. "This bill was treated as a joke in committee and was reported out as a joke, but it is time now to consider it seriously. It means practically that graves may be desecrated. There is another bill in this legislature which gives a horseholder a lien in the shoes put on horses. If this thing keeps up you soon will have funerals where the horseholder will have a lien on the shoes of the horses attached to the hearse, the undertakers will have a lien on the coffin, and the monument maker will have a lien on the tombstone."

"Then probably we'll go farther and a physician who attends at a birth will have a lien on the baby. It's a pretty sick body politic which has to be plastered all over with statutory liens and mustard plasters."

Lindley Puts Question.

Mr. Zinger endeavored to reply, but Representative Lindley, the demon interrogator, rebuffed him. "What percentage of tombstones sold are not paid for?" he asked. Mr. Lindley makes a specialty of questions. It is popularly supposed that an X-ray photograph of Mr. Lindley's mind at rest would show nothing but interrogation marks.

Mr. Zinger said he did not know exactly but the trouble was not with the little ones. The expensive ones, he said, are the ones not paid for. "Don't you sell people monuments which you know they cannot afford?" asked Mr. Lindley.

Mr. Zinger thought this was not done knowingly on the part of the dealer.

"One man bought a big stone before he was dead," he said.

Representative Allen championed Mr. Zinger's cause.

"There's never any trouble with a woman who has bought a tombstone for her husband," he said. "She will see that it is paid for if she has to take in washing to do it, but a lazy, loafing man who spends his time fishing, chewing tobacco, and drinking will buy a monument for his wife and never pay for it. Such customers should not be protected. There would be no desecration of graves if the stone were removed in such cases. When the scratchers who are after the Allen bill get through with me I don't know whether I'll have enough money to buy a monument, but I know that if I don't and one is put up and not paid for I shall not care if it is taken away."

Not Enough on Roll Call.

Then the bill went to roll call, but too much disgust had been aroused in the minds of members. It could muster only sixty-four votes. Too many members refused to hear their names when called by the clerk, and Mr. Zinger, to save his bill, was forced to ask for a postponement until next Wednesday. At present it seems that Mr. Hall has won out.

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THAW TRIAL MAY RESUME MONDAY

LUNACY COMMISSION EXPECTED TO FIND HIM SANE AFTER TODAY'S HEARING.

HAMILTON TO TESTIFY

Before Board as to His Belief That Defendant is Insane—Thaw Counsel Prepares to Take Up Trial Proceedings.

New York, March 29.—The Thaw commission in lunacy may finish its work tomorrow and be ready to report to Justice Fitzgerald Monday. The Thaw jury will report in court Monday morning and it is the hope of the presiding judge as well as the commission that the matter of the defendant's sanity may be disposed of by that time.

If the commission should report that Thaw fully understands the nature of the proceedings against him and has rationally advised with his counsel, Fitzgerald will simply direct that the trial proceed without making public the commission's findings. If the report should be against Thaw Fitzgerald will announce the decision from the bench and if he deems the prisoner's release to be dangerous to the public peace and safety, he will sign an order directing his confinement in some state hospital for the insane.

Dr. Hamilton to Testify.

From sources assumed to be authentic, it was announced tonight that Dr. Hamilton, the alienist, will be called to testify tomorrow before the lunacy commission as to Thaw's mental condition. Hamilton, it was stated, will appear as a witness on request of the commission and will be the only expert examined. It was Hamilton's testimony at the trial that precipitated the request for a lunacy commission. He testified that Thaw was insane when he examined him in the Tombs last summer and he believed him still insane. Replying to a question by Attorney Gleason for the defense Dr. Hamilton said he believed the prisoner unable to properly advise his counsel.

Today being good Friday there was no session of the lunacy board and Thaw spent a quiet day in the Tombs preparing for a renewal of his mental test tomorrow. Thaw's attorneys are now sanguine as to the outcome of the lunacy inquiry that they were today making plans for resumption of the trial next week.

"UNCLE JOE" REACHES HAVANA.

Havana, March 29.—The steamer Bluecher, with Speaker Cannon and his congressional party on board arrived here today from Colon. The visitors were received by Governor Macagon at the palace this afternoon.

FIND DIS DE BAR A FLYING ROLLER

SCOTLAND YARD RECORD IDENTIFIES "MOTHER ELINOR" HEAD OF RELIGIOUS SECT AS AN OLD OFFENDER.

Detroit, Mich., March 29.—That "Mother Elinor," sometimes known as Mrs. Elinor L. Mason, queen of the House of Israel, the flying roller cologne located here and at Windsor, Ont., is none other than the notorious Edith Loleta Jackson, alias Ann Odella Dis de Bar, was made known by a record just received here from Scotland Yard prison, where Dis de Bar served time for aiding the man then supposed to be her husband, in committing a serious offense.

Has a Police Record.

The woman is shown to have a police record reaching over ten continents and embracing many parts of the United States. A photograph accompanied the prison record, which was positively identified in a sworn statement by F. E. Swinden, a member of the colony.

As Ann Odella Dis de Bar, the woman served six months in New York City on a swindling charge. In Georgia she was imprisoned under the alias Vera P. Ava on a larceny charge. As Edith L. Jackson she served time in New Orleans and was expelled from the city for swindling.

Since she left England there have been three complaints made up in which she has not been tried. Two of these are on serious charges, the other being for defrauding the "New Eve" at Kent, England, out of \$250. She left Windsor mysteriously about two weeks ago. Her whereabouts are unknown.

TOWN SWEEP BY FIRE; HALF MILLION IS LOSS

Laurens, S. C., March 29.—Driven by a stiff wind fire today swept both the business and residential sections of New Berry, a town of 8,000 population, 30 miles east of here, and caused a loss of probably half a million dollars. Approximately half a hundred residences were destroyed and a score of business houses, in the heart of the town, are in ruins.

REAL ISSUE LOST IN MUD SHOWERS

CHICAGO MAYORALTY CAMPAIGN ONE OF THE MOST BITTER ON RECORD—DUNNE AND BUSSE CLAIM VICTORY.

Chicago, March 29.—Chicago is experiencing one of the bitterest mayorality campaigns in the history of the city. Mayor Dunne is the Democratic candidate while Fred A. Busse, postmaster of Chicago, is the Republican leader. At the commencement of the campaign the street railway ordinances were the issue but a personal fight, so bitter in character, has developed that the real issue has been almost lost sight of.

Every newspaper in the city, both morning and afternoon, excepting Hearst's two, are supporting Busse and the street car ordinances, recently passed by the city council over Dunne's veto. The workers of both parties have made a thorough house to house canvass of the entire city and tonight figures were offered which showed the election of both candidates.

WELCOME FRENCH TROOPS AT OUDJA

MOROCCO GOVERNOR EXTENDS A WARM GREETING TO FORCE SENT TO SETTLE TROUBLE BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES.

Paris, March 29.—The war department has received a dispatch from General Lyautey saying the occupation of Oudja, Morocco, had been carried out according to instructions.

The governor and a number of Moorish officers rode out to meet the French column. The governor told Colonel Felineau that he resigned himself to the inevitable and that the differences between the two governments would not prevent him maintaining the most cordial relations with the French authorities.

The population of Oudja showed much pleasure at the arrival of the French column, believing its presence will do more to promote security and protect commerce.

EXPLOSION KILLS FIFTY-FOUR

Johannesburg, Transvaal, March 29.—Four white and 50 natives were instantly killed and three whites and 15 natives injured by an unexpected explosion last night of dynamite at the Dreifontein mine.

WANT ROOSEVELT FOR A THIRD TERM

REPUBLICAN LEGISLATORS OF TENNESSEE DECLARE RENOMINATION WILL BE A JUST RECOGNITION.

Nashville, Tenn., March 29.—The Republican members of the legislature in joint caucus tonight unanimously adopted resolutions appealing to the Republicans throughout the nation to renominate Theodore Roosevelt for another term as president of the United States. The resolutions declare that the renomination of Roosevelt will not be for a third term but his second term, which is but a just recognition of duty well performed.

FIND MANCLED BODY OF FARMER ON RAILS

Springfield, Ill., March 29.—The mangled body of Robert E. Edwards, a farmer, today was found on the Illinois Central tracks. The body was severed from the body. A gold watch and chain and money were missing. Edwards has been missing since yesterday morning, when he left home to attend a sale.

FEAR AN ATTEMPT TO LIBERATE RUEF

FRISCO PROSECUTORS GO ARMED AND HAVE BODY GUARDS TO PROTECT THEM.

NEW MOVE BY SCHMITZ

Said to Be Plan to Force Supervisors Out of Office to Save Franchises—Spreckles Sure of Many Convictions.

San Francisco, March 29.—A sensational statement was given out today by Special Agent Burns and other members of the prosecution to the effect that Mayor Schmitz is desperately trying to force the resignation of five supervisors, so as to defeat an alleged intention of the supervisors' board to revoke certain public service franchises which the prosecution claims were secured by bribing the board.

The mayor refused today to be interviewed on this or any other subject.

Prosecution Not Without Funds. Rudolph Spreckles, financial guarantor of the prosecution today gave out a statement respecting the fund of \$100,000 which he has guaranteed. It was upon this guarantee that the bribery and graft investigation was commenced.

Spreckles said that "The prosecution will never be hampered by lack of funds." Spreckles said the prosecution without reservation expects to send all chief bribe givers, high public service corporation officials and others to the penitentiary for the crimes charged against them. He thought the investigations and prosecutions will extend throughout the present year.

"Shoot Ruef First" Is Order.

A sensational statement that every person openly identified with the

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PANIC BRINGS A CUT IN LUXURIES

WEALTHY NEW YORKERS ARE RETRENCHING WHILE SMALL INVESTORS BUY STOCKS.

RICH ONES HARD HIT

And Sales of Autos, Jewelry and Flowers Suffer to Extent of Several Thousands—Put Savings in Securities.

New York, March 29.—New York residents have begun to retrench. With the smashing of prices in Wall street there has been a visible slackening of the tide of costly living and expenditures here. Those competent to judge say that within the last few weeks the curtailment of present and contemplated expenses, mainly by the wealthy, amounts to \$50,000,000.

But while the rich are pulling purse strings tightly, those of small means are pouring money into Wall street to take advantage of the low prices of standard securities. The daily withdrawals from savings banks are largely in excess of the deposits. Inquiry has shown that a large part of this money is being invested in stocks and railroad notes which draw from one to 2 per cent more interest than is paid by the banks. A conservative estimate of the amount transferred from the savings banks to Wall street and mortgage investments recently is \$75,000,000.

Panic Acted as Warning.

"The semi-panic in Wall street," said Henry Clegg, the banker, yesterday, "has acted as a warning to the people to put the brakes on. The losses through the shrinkage in values amount to about two billions of dollars. Of course, this is largely in what is known as 'book' paper profits, but the fact that they had to their credit these profits that have now been swept away led many people into extravagances and costly living. The buying of jewels and furs, the building of houses and yachts and the purchasing of automobiles, together with the expenditures that accompany these luxuries, are being curtailed."

"Thousands of families have been affected by the loss of the two billions in values. From what I have been told by business men, I would say that \$50,000,000 is a very conservative estimate of the losses suffered by the Wall street situation. The sum that ordinarily would have been spent by them and nothing thought of it, is probably greatly in excess."

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3,746,000 POUNDS OF CORN MEAL FOR CHINA

Omaha, March 29.—Captain Hacker, of the subsistence department, U. S. A., connected with the department of Missouri at Omaha, has been notified that he has been appointed purchasing agent of the Red Cross Society for the Chinese famine relief work. The same telegram authorized Hacker to purchase 3,746,000 pounds of corn meal for immediate shipment to China.

BRYAN HOLDS TO OWNERSHIP IDEA

DECLARES HIMSELF IN FAVOR OF BOTH NATIONAL AND STATE REGULATION OF RAILROADS IN LETTER.

Boston, March 29.—H. M. Whitney, a prominent Massachusetts Democrat and a former candidate for lieutenant governor, tonight made public a letter he had just received from William J. Bryan, dealing with the railroad question. The letter was in response to one from Whitney asking certain questions regarding railroad regulation.

Bryan declares himself in favor of both national and state regulation and also believes that public ownership is the ultimate solution of the railroad question.

He favors federal ownership of trunk lines and state ownership of feeders. He thinks, however, that regulation should be perfected and its benefits demonstrated before ownership is undertaken and that the interstate commerce commission should be empowered to fix the value of railroads and rates so fixed as to give a reasonable dividend up a money invested.

STEPS TAKEN TO SETTLE TROUBLE

WIRES BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND CENTRAL AMERICA KEPT HOT IN EFFORT TO END PRESENT STRIKE.

Washington, March 29.—Active telegraphic correspondence has been in progress between Washington officials and diplomatic representatives in Central America and Mexico for the past 48 hours relative to Central American imbroglio. But because decisive results have not yet been reached and information necessary to make a clear statement of the situation remains to be supplied, no statement revealing the details of negotiations could be obtained for publication.

The news that Costa Rica had recognized the provisional government of Honduras lacked official confirmation up to the close of the day and was accepted with reserve, owing to the origin of the dispatch, which might naturally subject it to suspicion.

BREWER'S STRIKE ON IN ST. LOUIS

EMPLOYERS DECIDE TO GIVE A DOLLAR A WEEK INCREASE TO ALL—UNION GAVE NO WARNING THEY SAY.

St. Louis, Mo., March 29.—At a meeting to night at which all the brewers in St. Louis and East St. Louis were represented the strike of the employees was discussed and it was decided to stand on the following propositions:

One dollar a week flat increase here to all employees and not to grant the demands of any particular class of labor.

The employees were also censured for having inaugurated a strike without warning, thereby placing material worth \$100,000 in danger of being spoiled.

RIOTS IN ROUMANIA ARE QUIETING DOWN

Bucharest, March 29.—The situation in Roumania appears to be quieting down, but large numbers of refugees still continue to make their way out of the troubled districts. An official report issued today relates that all is quiet in Moldavia, the only fresh disturbances reported being in Transylvania, where the Neamtz district, where troops have been sent.

STRIKE HINGES ON TODAY'S MEETING

WHOLE MATTER RESTS ON OUTCOME OF CONFERENCE WITH FEDERAL OFFICIALS.

BOTH SIDES STAND PAT

And Awaiting Propositions From Roosevelt's Aides—Trainmen Say Time For Arbitration Has Passed—Officials Hopeful.

Chicago, March 29.—Whether or not there is to be a strike of the 50,000 employees in the train service of western railroads hinges on the meeting to be held here tomorrow morning between federal government officials and representatives of unions and the railroads.

The meeting was brought about by the general managers of the roads who appealed to Washington for a settlement of the difficulty under terms of the Erdmann act.

The government will be represented by Martin A. Knapp, chairman of the interstate commerce commission and Charles P. Neill, commissioner of labor. C. B. Brown, chairman of the board of managers will be spokesman for the railroads and Grand Chief Morrissey of the railroad trainmen's unions, and Chief Conductor Garretson, of the conductor's organization will look after the interests of the men.

Both Sides Stand Pat.

There were no new developments today, both sides remaining firm.

Chairman Knapp and Commissioner Neill should reach Chicago by 9 a. m. tomorrow, and no time will be lost by trainmen in going into conference with them. The men are anxious to conclude this meeting with the federal officials as soon as possible as they are being besieged with inquiries from their homes which cannot be definitely answered until after the Washington men have given their word and received an answer.

Grand Master Morrissey of the trainmen and Grand Master Garretson of the conductors both declare that, as the situation now stands, all that can prevent the greatest strike in the history of the railroads of the country is the granting by the railroads of the employees' demands, which are for a 12 per cent increase in wages.

Trainmen Not Optimistic.

The trainmen, however, will listen to any proposals which may be made by Messrs. Knapp and Neill, who left Washington this morning. Their suggestions will be taken as coming from President Roosevelt, but it is the unanimous declaration of the workmen that the time for arbitration has passed.

Committees representing the employees of the various railway systems are in conference and will report to

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NEARLY HANGED; DID NOT KNOW IT

CONVICTED ROUMANIAN MURDERER SAVED FROM GALLOWS BY GOVERNOR WAS IGNORANT OF IMPENDING FATE

Michigan City, Ind., March 29.—John Lapadat, a convicted Roumanian murderer, was to have been hanged tonight without knowing what was taking place. He does not speak a word of English and none here can speak his language.

Today his sentence was commuted to life imprisonment. A jail guard tried to impart the knowledge to Lapadat by pointing to his neck and then shaking his head negatively, but the murderer did not seem to comprehend his meaning. Apparently he had no idea of the fate that awaited him and but for the revocation of the death sentence would have mounted the gallows in innocence of the purpose.

Chicago Friends Sought.

Warden Reid is now attempting to locate two Chicago friends of the Roumanian who called upon their countryman earlier in the week. If located, they will be asked to return here and tell Lapadat in their native tongue that the governor has spared him. Until then Lapadat will undoubtedly remain in ignorance of all that has been done in his behalf.

He speaks to no one and no one has spoken to him except when his Chicago friends visited him. During their conversation with the prisoner he said nothing of his impending fate. This was forbidden them and a death watch was constantly on guard to make sure that they obeyed orders.

IMMIGRANT RUSH ON ELLIS ISLAND

THOUSAND OF FOREIGNERS WHO ARE WESTWARD BOUND STOP THERE EVERY DAY.

LATEST IN NEW YORK

is a Plan to Build a \$14,000,000 House of Many States—Russian Famine Felt in Gotham—Bread For the Passover.

New York, March 29.—The sources of immigration Commissioner Watchorn and his island are taxed to the utmost these days by the spring rush of immigrants, which has started out in a way which leads the authorities at Ellis Island to expect an unprecedented arrival of aliens at this port during the summer. More than 12,000 immigrants were landed from eight ships during two days at the beginning of last week, while reports to the steamship agents in this city are to the effect that every station abroad from which immigrants sail is overcrowded with other thousands of future American citizens, who have booked all third-class accommodations for months ahead.

Most of these immigrants come from Italy and southern European ports, lured by the news of abundant prosperity in the western states, which has reached them in letters from relatives and friends already in this country; so that unusual features of the present influx are the few who desire to remain in New York and the immediate vicinity and the many who are bound for the west on through tickets. As a consequence, the Battery presents no more than its ordinary every-day aspect, while the stations of all the big railroads leading west from Jersey City are overflowing with immigrants and their carloaders' conglomerations of baggage.

Realize Famine in New York.

New York, on account of the fact that the headquarters of the Russian Famine Relief Committee are located here, beginning to realize something of the horrible condition of 30,000,000 starving Russian peasants. Not only hunger, but diseases as well, is ravaging their ranks and threatening a death toll of millions. Indeed so bad have matters become that the women that the women of Russian, in a letter, just received by Samuel J. Barrows, the secretary of the committee, have appealed to the women of America in their great extremity. The letter cites the conditions in one village as typical of thousands and says:

"At present the temperature in this village is in the neighborhood of twenty degrees below zero. Many of the peasants are living in holes dug under ground. They are also naked and they are without fuel; for in this region the peasants make their fuel from straw, and there has been no straw from which fuel can be made. Their food is a sort of bread made from ground corn or other vegetables to which has been added a little rye meal. Typhus, scurvy and blindness resulting from starvation are on all sides striking down grown-up people and children. This is not a single village, for there are thousands and like it, and these thousands of villages have no hope unless aid comes to them from the outside. Seventy-five cents will keep a grown-up person alive for a month." Dr. Barrows states that the committee, whose offices are located at 135 East Fifteenth street, will be glad to receive any contribution, however small, since if life is to be saved immediate help is the chief requisite.

Unleavened Bread For Passover.

The feast of the Passover will be celebrated by Jews all over the world this month, and the people who are busy making preparations for its observance are working day and night. There is much ceremony and many quaint observances connected with the week's festival, but its best known feature in New York is the vast quantity of matzo, or unleavened bread, the baking of which has kept hundreds of people employed for months in some forty bakeries on the East Side.

No baker tells his neighbor how much he turns out; but there are 700,000 orthodoxy Jews in New York and an average consumption during the week of 10 pounds for each person would mean 7,000,000 pounds, or some 25,000 barrels of flour.

Many bakeries have been working for six months on the product which will be consumed in a single week, and there is one first-class establishment in the city where nothing is done all the year except to manufacture the crackers which are used in lieu of bread during the Passover season. Its output is sold not only to dealers and consumers in this city, but all over the United States and

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